

# EXHIBIT F

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE ESTATE OF ESTHER KLIEMAN, et al., )

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Plaintiff, )

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vs. )

Case No.

) 04-1173 (PLF) (JMF)

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THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, et al., )

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Defendants.)

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DEPOSITION OF

MAZEN JADALLAH

East Jerusalem, Israel

June 15, 2010

REPORTED BY: AMY R. KATZ, RPR

1 MR. HEIDEMAN: If, however, either you or  
2 the witness do not understand any question, please stop  
3 whoever is questioning and ask us to repeat. Do you  
4 understand?

5 INTERPRETER MASARWAH: Yes.

6 MR. HEIDEMAN: Please translate to the  
7 witness.

8 (Last colloquy translated.)

9 MR. HEIDEMAN: Thank you.

10 BY MR. HEIDEMAN:

11 Q. Would you state your name, please, sir?

12 A. Mazen Jadallah.

13 Q. Would you spell that for the court reporter?

14 A. In Arabic or English?

15 Q. Since I understand that you do speak English  
16 and read English well, if you could spell it in  
17 English, it would save some time.

18 A. (In English) M-A-Z-E-N, J-A-D-A-L-L-A-H.

19 Q. Mr. Jadallah, please tell the court where  
20 you were born.

21 A. Anabta, Tulkarm.

22 MR. HEIDEMAN: Madam Court Reporter, let me  
23 inquire if you were able to hear the witness and  
24 understand the witness' answer, or do you need it  
25 translated by the interpreter?

1                   Do I understand correctly that your first  
2 position with the Palestinian National Authority was in  
3 May, 1997?

4           A.     Right.

5           Q.     Do I understand that that position was with  
6 the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation?

7           A.     Right.

8           Q.     And do I understand that your first  
9 assignment was in Gaza?

10          A.     Right.

11          Q.     And do I understand that from May 1997 until  
12 March 1998 you were in that position?

13          A.     Right.

14          Q.     And do I understand correctly, sir, that  
15 from March of 1998 until now, you have worked  
16 continuously for the Palestinian National Authority  
17 Ministry of Finance?

18          A.     Yes.

19          Q.     Thank you.

20                   Tell us, sir, what was your first position  
21 with the Ministry of Finance for the Palestinian  
22 National Authority, and where were you based?

23          A.     I was assistant deputy -- assistant director  
24 general at the Ministry of Finance in Gaza, working  
25 with the budget department.

1 other than what in the budget, has a budget line. If I  
2 may elaborate on this?

3 Q. Please.

4 A. Our budget, when it is approved, becomes a  
5 law, and you are not allowed, according to the law, to  
6 spend outside the budget. So we can only spend on  
7 things inside the budget. And there is nothing in the  
8 budget called Al-Aqsa Martyrs whatsoever. So there  
9 were no transfers, neither directly nor indirectly, to  
10 this Al-Aqsa thing.

11 Q. Thank you.

12 Were there transfers from the budget of the  
13 Palestinian National Authority for the time period 1999  
14 through 2005 to Fatah?

15 A. Yes, there were.

16 Q. And tell the court, please, what was the  
17 size of the transfers in each year, for 1999 through  
18 2005, from the Palestinian National Authority to Fatah?

19 A. Regarding the size of the transfer, we  
20 submitted that to you through our lawyers. I don't  
21 recall numbers. But if you want to elaborate on that,  
22 please, give me the report we submitted to you through  
23 our lawyers and we will discuss it, if you want.

24 Q. Do you understand that you are here as the  
25 official designee of the Palestinian Authority to



1           A.       Yes, those documents present a printout of  
2       the system of the Ministry of Finance, showing some  
3       disbursements done to Fatah party.

4           Q.       Yes. Now, in your earlier testimony, sir,  
5       you indicated that monies, if I heard you correctly,  
6       monies for Fatah were transferred from the Palestinian  
7       National Authority Ministry of Finance pursuant to  
8       order of the Palestine Liberation Organization; is that  
9       correct?

10          A.       Right. Not only that, but should be against  
11       their budget items and should have the total ceilings  
12       that happen.

13          Q.       Now, looking at this document which bears  
14       Bates number 447, it is Exhibit 14, and as to 447,  
15       please indicate to the court the month and date of the  
16       transfer from the Ministry of Finance, the entity to  
17       whom it was transferred, and the authority for the  
18       transfer, as well as the amount, please, sir?

19          A.       This invoice does not show the authority for  
20       the transfer because this is a print of the system for  
21       a payment that took place. But this shows the  
22       following information: Shows the names of the Fatah  
23       who is entitled of the amount of money, to which branch  
24       office Fatah was paid, and shows the amount of Israeli  
25       shekels, and whether this is a final payment or they



1 have still list views, and it says zero list views.

2 The reason why it was transferred, it was transferred  
3 following an order from the president.

4 Q. The reason for the transfer was what, sir?

5 A. A decision by the president, request by the  
6 president, who is the head of the PLO, of course.

7 Q. So the amount that was transferred, is that  
8 39,131.04 shekels?

9 A. Right, it looks like.

10 Q. It was transferred, as indicated on Bates  
11 447, to Fatah in Bethlehem; is that correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. And the date of the transfer appears to have  
14 been in December, if I see it right, of 2001; is that  
15 correct? Or am I misunderstanding?

16 A. No. When you are going back to the system  
17 and trying to retrieve all the information, it shows  
18 the fiscal year. The details would be in the invoice  
19 itself. So this is from Jan 31, 2001, to  
20 December 31st, 2001.

21 Q. All right. So the Palestinian National  
22 Authority Ministry of Finance in the calendar year of  
23 2001 transferred 39,131.04 shekels to Fatah in  
24 Bethlehem, and the transfer was ordered by the  
25 president of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat,

1 who also served as the president of the Palestine  
2 Liberation Organization; do I understand correctly?

3 A. Correct, yes.

4 Q. Thank you.

5 Look now, if you would, at the next page of  
6 Exhibit 14, being Bates number 448. This is for the  
7 same year; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And this is a transfer to Fatah in Jericho  
10 of 34,750 shekels; is that correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And page 449 is for the same year of 2001,  
13 and it shows a transfer to Fatah in the Nablus district  
14 of 15,370 shekels; isn't that correct?

15 A. That was part of the transfer, but the  
16 transfer of the 17,501 shekels.

17 Q. And it indicates at the top there that it  
18 was a presidential decision to do that transfer; is  
19 that correct?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Would that have also referred to President  
22 Arafat?

23 A. Yeah, but in his capacity -- both  
24 capacities, his capacity as the leader of the PLO also.

25 Q. So that transfer that was shown on Bates



1 code 449 by Yasser Arafat was both in his capacity as  
2 president of the Palestine Liberation Organization and  
3 also of the Palestinian National Authority; is that  
4 correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 Looking now at the next page, Bates 450,  
8 this is for the same year, and it's for 273 shekels; is  
9 that correct? Or would it be --

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. 273 shekels?

12 A. 273,000 shekels.

13 Q. Thank you. 273,000 shekels. You did say  
14 it's necessary to be precise, and thank you for  
15 correcting me.

16 And it indicates there that it was pursuant  
17 to presidential decision, so that too would have been  
18 by Yasser Arafat, both in his capacity as president of  
19 the Palestine Liberation Organization and as president  
20 of the Palestinian National Authority; is that correct?

21 A. Correct. But this money was transferred to  
22 the central Fatah committee in the West Bank, not a  
23 branch.

24 Q. This was transferred to Fatah in the West  
25 Bank as opposed to one of the others; is that correct?

1           A.     No, it's not one of the others. It's the  
2 management of the whole thing.

3           Q.     Fatah Central Committee?

4           A.     No, it's not central committee. Sorry.  
5 Main headquarters, you have main headquarters, you have  
6 branches. So the main headquarters is always larger,  
7 and more liability and more recurrent costs to incur.

8           Q.     What, in 2001 and 2002, accounting did Fatah  
9 give to the Finance Ministry of the Palestinian  
10 National Authority for this 273,000 shekels it  
11 received?

12          A.     They shouldn't be given any accounting  
13 because they are not part of the Palestinian Authority.  
14 They are not a spending agency on the Palestinian  
15 Authority. They are given this money because the  
16 Palestinian Liberation Organization decided to give  
17 them this money out of its own budget.

18          Q.     So that there is no confusion, then, the  
19 Palestine Liberation Organization, you said earlier in  
20 your testimony, is the boss of the Palestinian National  
21 Authority; is that correct?

22          A.     Right, and they are a budget line in our  
23 budget.

24          Q.     And the Palestine Liberation Organization  
25 receives money from the budget of the Palestinian



1 National Authority, and that's a budget administered by  
2 the Ministry of Finance; is that correct?

3 A. The overall budget is administered by the  
4 Ministry of Finance, yes. The Palestinian Liberation  
5 Organization budget is administered by the National  
6 Fund, which I said earlier.

7 Q. Yes. And from the line of the PLO, as it  
8 relates to the revenues the PLO receives from the  
9 Palestinian National Authority through the Ministry of  
10 Finance, it allocates money to Fatah; is that correct?

11 A. It's not revenues. It's budget allocations.  
12 The PLO doesn't generate any revenues. And from the  
13 budget allocations, it seems that they paid Fatah,  
14 because they have to pay Fatah.

15 I don't know, I'm not familiar with their  
16 budget. I'm not the person to discuss the budget, but  
17 those invoices which were produced by the Ministry of  
18 Finance and they directly to protect, following an  
19 order from the PLO, are there to protect out of the  
20 budget of the PLO, following a request from the person  
21 authorized to draw from the PLO, or paid to Fatah out  
22 of the budget of the PLO, following a request from the  
23 person authorized to draw money from the PLO accounts.

24 Q. What other monies, other than to Fatah, did  
25 the Palestine Liberation Organization have the right to